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SUBJ: ENERGY: FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL'S

VIEWS RE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE

SUMMARY: TWO DAYS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON ENERGY
CONFERENCE FONMIN VAN DER STOEL ASSURED AMBASSADOR GOULD THAT
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STRONG DUTCH DELEGATION WILL WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY FOR SUCCESS

OF CONFERENCE. HE SUGGESTED THAT ENERGY AND R&D WORKING GROUPS BE COMBINED AND URGED THAT EXISTING INTERNATIONAL BODIES, NOTABLY OECD AND IMF, BE USED FOR FOLLOW-ON. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ALGERIAN PROPOSAL FOR SPECIAL UNGA WOULD GAIN SUPPORT AND HOPED US WOULD BE PREPARED AT PREPCOM AND CONFERENCE TO CLARIFY ITS POSITION ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN POSSIBLE UNGA AND PROPOSED CONFERENCE OF PRODUCERS, CONSUMERS AND LDC'S. WE HOPE USG WILL DO WHAT IT CAN TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO DUTCH SENSITIVITIES RE USING EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS FOR FOLLOW-ON AND ADDRESSING LDC PROBLEM PROMPTLY. END SUMMARY.

1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL TO GET HIS LAST MINUTE VIEWS ON THE ENERGY CONFERENCE AND IN THE PROCESS LEFT COPIES OF THE MOST RECENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (STATE 026275). VAN SCHAIK ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER CONFIRMED THAT THE GON IS SENDING A WELL-STAFFED DELEGATION WHICH HE WILL HEAD AND WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE FINANCE MINISTER DUISENBERG (BUT NOT MINECON LUBBERS). THE DUTCH ARE COMING IN A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT AND ARE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. TURNING TO SPECIFICS, VAN DER STOEL SAID THAT THE GON LIKES THE CONCEPT OF THE WORKING GROUPS WHICH SHOULD FACILITATE THE PROGRESS OF THE CONFERENCE, BUT HE INDICATED THAT THE FRENCH, BELGIANS AND IRISH ALL HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS AS TO THE USE OF WORKING GROUPS AND MAY RAISE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THEM AT THE SUNDAY PREPARATORY MEETING. THE DUTCH THEMSELVES WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ENERGY OFFICIAL AND R&D WORKING GROUPS COMBINED.

4. VAN DER STOEL SAID THAT WHILE ANY KIND OF FOLLOW-ON TO THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WILL BE RESISTED BY THE FRENCH HE THOUGH THEY MIGHT AGREE TO A WORKING PARTY IN THE TECHNOLOGICAL AREA.

5. IN THIS CONNECTION, VAN DER STOEL STRESSED THE EC'S STRONG PREFERENCE FOR THE USE TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS PRESENTLY IN EXISTENCE, SUCH AS THE OECD AND THE IMF, FOR FOLLOW-UP WORK. NOTING THE AMERICAN

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RESERVATION THAT HAD BEEN EXPRESSED PREVIOUSLY IN THIS REGARD, HE SAID THE GON POSITION IS THAT WE SHOULD ALL WORK FOR IMPROVEMENT OF IMF AND OECD MACHINERY BEFORE A DECISION IS REACHED NOT TO MAKE USE OF THEIR EXPERTISE, INFORMATION AND HIGHLY-QUALIFIED MANPOWER. TO GO OUTSIDE THESE ORGANIZATIONS WILL IN HIS OPINION ONLY DELAY MATTERS. SHOULD THE UNITED STATES AGREE WITH THIS POSITION, NAMELY TO MAKE USE OF IMPROVED IMF AND OECD ORGANIZATIONS, THIS WOULD OVERCOME WHAT

HE DESCRIBED AS A "MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK" IN OVERCOMING EC RESERVATIONS AS TO FOLLOW-ON WORK. THE GON IS OPEN TO AMERICAN SUGGESTION ON THE ISSUE, HE CONTINUED, INDICATING THAT THE GON IS NOT NECESSARILY WEDDED TO THE EC POSITION ON FOLLOW-UP MACHINERY. HE THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE GON HAD GREAT FAITH IN THE OECD HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON OIL WHICH HAS A TRADITION OF EFFECTIVELY WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES, A QUALITY WHICH HE FEELS WILL DEFINITELY BE NEEDED IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. THE GON WOULD BE FAVORABLE TO A STRENGTHENING OF THE HLG IF THE THEN-STRENGTHENED ORGANIZATION COULD BE ASSIGNED A ROLE.

6. VAN DER STOEL THEN TURNED TO THE SUBJECT OF THE ALGERIAN INITIATIVE FOR A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN ASSEMBLY ON RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT. HE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR THE UNITED STATES TO ADDRESS ITSELF TO THIS PROBLEM AT THE PREPARATORY MEETING. AS FOR THE GON, HE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SAY NO TO THE ALGERIAN INITIATIVE. IT WOULD BE FAR BETTER TO SAY YES AND THEN FIND A FORMULA TO PASS THE WORK ON TO OTHER APPROPRIATE UN BODIES, SUCH AS ECOSOC. IN ANY EVENT, THE US COULD GIVE AN INDICATION OF ITS OPINION RE A SPECIAL ASSEMBLY THIS SPRING. AT THE MOMENT THE GON READING IS THAT THERE WILL SHORTLY BE SUFFICIENT FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM THE UN MEMBERSHIP TO SUPPORT THE ALGERIANS.

7. ASSUMING THAT A SPECIAL ASSEMBLY IS TO BE CONVENED THIS SPRING, VAN DER STOEL WONDERED WHAT WOULD BE THE US POSITION AS TO THE CONVENING OF THE CONSUMER-PRODUCER-LDC ENERGY CONFERENCE WHICH IS OF COURSE AN OBJECTIVE OF THE FEBRUARY 11 MEETING. HE HOPES THAT AT THE PREPARATORY MEETING ON SUNDAY THE UNITED STATES WILL OFFER ITS VIEWS ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TRIPARTITE AND UN MEETINGS.

8. I THANKED THE MINISTER FOR THE POSITIVE WAY IN WHICH THE
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GON HAS RESPONDED TO THE US ENERGY CONFERENCE INITIATIVE AND EMPHASIZED AGAIN THAT WE ARE NOT IN ANY WAY LOOKING TOWARD A CONFRONTATION WITH THE PRODUCERS BUT ONLY TO A RATIONALIZATION OF THE PROBLEM OF A LIMITED NATURAL RESOURCE.

9. COMMENT: WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE DUTCH ARE SINCERELY CONSTRUCTIVE IN THEIR APPROACH TO THIS CONFERENCE AND COULD BE USEFUL ALLIES TO US BOTH DURING AND AFTER THE MEETINGS. THEY HAVE TWO SPECIAL SENSITIVITIES, HOWEVER, TO WHICH OUR RESPONSE WILL INFLUENCE THE DEGREE OF ENTHUSIASM OF THEIR SUPPORT. THESE ARE THE USE OF THE OECD HLG ON OIL AND THE IMF (BOTH HEADED BY DUTCHMEN) IN FOLLOW-ON WORK AND THE NEED TO SOLVE THE LDC PROBLEM. WE SUGGEST THAT IN OUR OWN INTEREST WE DO WHAT WE CAN TO ACCOMMODATE THE DUTCH ON THESE TWO POINTS.
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